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A HISTORY OF THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH WELLS

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Alta Wells Weinard

JOHN WELLS b. _____, d. 1812. m. Mrs. Mary Louise Saunders.

Sons:

Esack m. Charity

*Joseph m. Prudence

Grannis

Marmaduke

William m. Rachel

John

Daughters:

Mary m. Major Noble (Major was
his given name.)

An old memorandum relates that John Wells died in Buffalo at the home of his son Joseph, a very old and feeble man.

Roxanna King (sister of Elizabeth Holton Wells) remembered the family of John Wells who, she said, lived in Geneseo. She wrote that as a child she remembered them as "big, dark-complexioned men- splendid specimens of manhood."

MARMADUKE WELLS lived in Buffalo during the War of 1812.

ESACK WELLS lived in Geneseo, N. Y.

WILLIAM WELLS settled in Michigan.

Marmaduke and Joseph served in the War of 1812. Joseph was captain of a company of militia.

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*Joseph and Prudence Grannis Wells' descendants are the principal subjects of this genealogy.

JOSEPH WELLS was born about 1768 at Partridgefield, R. I., sixteen miles from Providence. Joseph Wells went from Rhode Island to Utica, N. Y. where he was proprietor of a stage line. He married Prudence Grannis in Utica.

Joseph Wells came to Buffalo in 1797, but failing to find surveyed land went to Brantford, Canada, where they lived with Mrs. Wells' sister for two years until the Holland Land Company had perfected arrangements to sell land in Buffalo when he returned and purchased land there (see lists in HISTORY OF BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY.)

Joseph Wells died in August of 1832. Prudence Grannis Wells died in August 1857. They are both buried on a lot purchased by Chandler J. Wells in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sons:	Daughters:
Aldrich Wells	Harriet Wells
William Wells	Mary Jane Wells
Chauncey Commodore Wells	Lucy Ann Wells
John Grannis Wells	Elizabeth Wells
Chandler Joseph Wells	

A "History of the Grannis Family" by Strong, shows that the family came to this country early in the seventeenth century. Several of them served in the war of the Revolution.

ALDRICH WELLS was born in 1802. He was the first male white child born in Buffalo (some authorities say west of the Genesee River). He married Laura Case who died Sept. 28, 1895 in her 83rd year. They had one son, Manning Wells, who married Emilina Morse of Canandaigua, N. Y.

WILLIAM WELLS was born August 17, 1806 and died Sept. 3, 1885. He married Elizabeth Holton Brown of Geneseo, N. Y. who died Jan. 1, 1890 in her 82nd year.

Sons:	Daughters:
William Hamilton Wells	Helen Wells
Henry Harrison Wells	Mary Louise Wells
Herbert Wells	

WILLIAM HAMILTON WELLS married Mary Hill of Erie, Pa. Their one son, Maurice Kingsley Wells died in infancy.

HENRY HARRISON WELLS' first wife was Jennie Dinwiddie. His second wife was Caroline Metz. Chandler J. Wells was the son of Henry Harrison and Jennie Dinwiddie Wells.

HERBERT WELLS died in infancy.

HELEN WELLS married in 1854 her first husband Charles Colson. They had one daughter, Jennie L. Colson, born in 1857 who married Leroy Fairbanks.

Sons:	Daughters:
Albert L. Fairbanks b.1876	Alta L. Fairbanks b.1881
William C Fairbanks b.1878	Alice P. Fairbanks b. 1883
Frank A. Fairbanks b.1880	

ALBERT L. FAIRBANKS married Nellie _____. Their children are Cecil and Louise Fairbanks.

WILLIAM C. FAIRBANKS married Emma Dehn. Their daughters are Pearl and Ethel Dehn Fairbanks.

ALTA L. FAIRBANKS married Leroy Wilson. Their daughters are Dorothy and Louise Wilson.

ALICE P. FAIRBANKS married Joseph Farley. Their two sons are Joseph A. Farley, born in 1902 and George A. Farley born in 1904. George A. Farley married May Calder and they have one son George A. Farley Jr. born June 10, 1938.

ALICE P. FAIRBANKS FARLEY married for her second husband Charles Richards. They have one son, Harry Richards born in 1920.

HELEN WELLS COLSON married for her second husband Andrew Jackson Raynor. They had one son Clarence Robert Raynor who married May Rochet and their son Wells Raynor was born in 1893. Their daughter, Nellie Raynor married Frank Waring.

MARY LOUISE WELLS married John Henderson Scheffer Oct. 5, 1863. Their two sons were Eugene Wells Scheffer born June 26, 1865 who married Mary Louise Doty of Geneva N. Y. and Charles Hamilton Scheffer, born Nov. 22, 1866, died August, 1885.

HARRIET WELLS married Charles Chase. Their daughters were Lucia Chase and Harriet Chase. Their sons were William Wells Chase, Herbert Chase and Frank Chase.

LUCIA CHASE married Dr. John E. Beebe of Chicago and they had one son, John E. Beebe Jr. who died.

HARRIET CHASE married Nathaniel Hamilton. They had no children.

CHAUNCEY COMMODORE WELLS was born Oct. 13, 1812 and died Jan. 9, 1895 in Alexandria, Neb. In 1844 he married his cousin, Alta Noble, daughter of Major Noble. Alta's mother was Mary Wells Noble, sister of Joseph Wells. Alta Noble Wells died in 1885. In 1863 Chauncey Commodore Wells moved to Mentor, Ohio, and in 1883 he moved to Alexandria, Neb. Their children, who were all born in Buffalo, were:

Sons:

Frank Burdette Wells
Clifford Trevanion Wells
Edgar Joseph Wells
Clinton Noble Wells
Three who died young.

Daughters:

Sarah Jane Wells called Sate or Sadie

FRANK BURDETTE WELLS was born in 1848 and died in Jan 1929. In 1875 he married Emma Goedecke who was born in 1853 and died in 1920. They had one child Frances Wells who was born in Jan. 1879 and died in 1920 unmarried.

CLIFFORD TREVANION WELLS was born in 1851 and died in 1936 unmarried.

SARAH JANE WELLS(Sadie) was born Oct. 20, 1853. She is now Mrs. J. S. Stewart and is living at 1021 Lincoln St., Waterloo, Neb. In 1881 she married John Fremont Stewart. They have two children

James Clifford Stewart. b. Dec. 4, 1882.

Bessie Alta Stewart. b. March 24, 1884.

JAMES CLIFFORD STEWART married Oct. 16, 1910 Martha Simpson who was born in 1889.

Sons:

Daughters:

James d. in infancy in 1916 Mary Elizabeth Stewart b. July 10, 1915.

James Robert Stewart b. Mar. 6, 1919. Janet Lois Stewart b. July 10, 1915.

Phillip Gordon Stewart b. Jan. 24, 1923. Suzanne Stewart b. Sept. 17, 1924.

MARY ELIZABETH STEWART married Kenneth W. Jewell on Aug. 28, 1935. They have two children:

Alice May Jewell b. Dec. 15, 1936.

Carol Willie Jewell b. Feb. 4, 1940.

BESSIE ALTA STEWART married Frank Fish in 1903. They had three children:

Mildred Marian Fish

Virginia Louise Fish

Franklin Gilbert Fish

MILDRED MARIAN FISH was born Sept. 5, 1905. In 1926 she married George William Hageman. They adopted Paul Hageman who was born Dec. 24, 1930.

VIRGINIA LOUISE FISH was born Sept. 26, 1909. She married Charles Holden on Sept. 28, 1936. They have one child Wendy Louise Holden who was born Oct. 26, 1939.

FRANKLIN GILBERT FISH married Ruth Seige in 1934. Their two children are:

Franklin Gary Fish b. Feb. 28, 1935.

Tobian Louise Fish b. Sept. 15, 1938.

EDGAR JOSEPH WELLS was born Jan. 7, 1856 and died in 1934. On Mar. 5, 1884 he married Helena Francis Ewing of Exeter, Neb. They had one child Edith Helena Wells. Edgar's wife was known as Lena.

EDITH HELENA WELLS was born Nov. 22, 1884. She was married Jan. 18, 1911 to William Thomas Richardson of Alberta, Canada. Their children are:

Eleanor Edith Richardson b. Nov. 30, 1911

Margaret Alice Richardson b. Dec. 5, 1915.

Donald Wells Richardson b. Oct. 2, 1917.

CLINTON NOBLE WELLS was born Feb. 5, 1859 in Buffalo, N. Y. He d. Mar. 23, 1941 at Alexandria, Neb. On Feb. 5, 1888 he married Emma Jane Walker who was born July 17, 1864. They now live in Alexandria, Neb. Their children are:

Daughters:

Alta Wells
Edna Belle Wells
Blanche Emma Wells
Ethel Maud Wells
Inez Ray Wells

SADIE ALTA WELLS was born Feb. 14, 1889. On Sept. 15, 1920 she married Frederick Francis Weinard of Lincoln, Neb. son of Frederick and Ottie(Pool)Weinard. He is associate professor of Horticulture at the University of Illinois. They have three children:

Kenneth Frederick Weinard. b. July 20, 1921.
Mary Helen Weinard. b. Jan. 26, 1923. d. Jan. 27, 1923.
Ruth Elizabeth Weinard. b. Nov. 6, 1925.

EDNA BELLE WELLS was born Dec. 7, 1890. On Oct. 13, 1917 she married Ralph Forb Weaver son of John Bliss and Kate(Owen) Weaver. Their children are:

Doris Marie Weaver. b. Aug. 4, 1918.
Leroy Wells Weaver. b. Feb. 13, 1922.
Burton Blaine Weaver. b. Mar. 18, 1923.
Frances Maria Weaver. b. Oct. 25, 1927.
Wilda Lucille Weaver. b. Oct. 6, 1931.

BLANCHE EMMA WELLS was born Mar. 6, 1893. She married June 22, 1921 Frank David Snyder, son of Simon Peter and Elizabeth(Keim) Snyder. Their children are:

Nita Beth Snyder. b. July 24, 1922.
Phyllis Rae Snyder. b. Mar. 24, 1924.
David Franklin Snyder. b. Mar. 23, 1930.
Annis Darlene Snyder. b. Jan. 6, 1932. d. Apr. 27, 1932.
Mildred Coleen Snyder. b. Sept. 21, 1933.

ETHEL MAUD WELLS was born Nov. 9, 1900. She married Feb. 5, 1933 Christian Carl Sinn son of Hans Heinrich and Margarite (Staben) Sinn of Germany. Their children are:

Margarite Emma Sinn. b. Nov. 7, 1933.
Christian Carl Sinn. b. Oct. 11, 1934.
Twin boys born Apr. 30, 1937, died soon.
Katherine Ethel Sinn. b. Aug. 30, 1939.

Janice Jo Sinn b. Mar 11 1941 a supervisor of teachers of
INEZ RAY WELLS was born Feb. 16, 1903. She is an-instructor in typewriting and shorthand at Ohio State University and is unmarried.

JOHN GRANNIS WELLS married Amarilla Sackett. Their children were:

Sons:	Daughters:
Joseph Wells	Lucy Ann Wells
John Wells	Maria Wells

LUCY ANN WELLS was born Dec. 15, 1830 and died Oct. 21, 1908. She married Merritt Woodhouse Green on May 4, 1848. Merritt Woodhouse Green was born in Burlington, Vt. on Aug. 27, 1818 and died Nov. 24, 1898. He was the son of George Burnham Green whose mother was a Burnham of Rutland, Vt. and whose

wife was Philindia Woodhouse. Their children were:
Sons: Daughters:
Merritt Chandler Green Jeannie Girard Green
William Pratt Green Elizabeth Green
Aldrich Wells Greeh (These two daughters were a-
Charles Edward Green dopted by their great-uncle
Chandler J. Wells and changed
their names to Wells.)

MERRITT CHANDLER GREEN was born Aug. 26, 1851 and died
in Aug. 1878.

JEANNIE GIRARD GREEN was born May 9, 1849 and died May 2, 1921.
She was married to James Alexander Redfern, her first husband,
on Oct. 5, 1876. He died May 4, 1887. She married her sec-
ond husband Reginald Uvedale Corbett on Oct. 28, 1889. This
marriage was annulled. She was married a third time to Frank
C. Penfold of Lockport, N. Y.

ELIZABETH WELLS was born Oct. 18, 1856. She was married to
Charles W. McCune on Jan. 22, 1885. They had one son who
died in infancy.

ELIZABETH WELLS MCCUNE married George Bleistein on Apr. 28,
1886. He died Apr. 21, 1918. Their children were:

Sons:	Daughters:
George Bleistein Jr.	Barbara Bleistein
Chandler Wells Bleistein	
William Bleistein	

GEORGE BLEISTEIN JR. was born June 5, 1887. He married
Dorothy Bryant on Sept. 23, 1914. They have no children.

CHANDLER WELLS BLEISTEIN was born Apr. 15, 1889. On Jan.
24, 1912 he married Anne Louise Wright. During the World War
he dropped the name of Bleistein and became known as Chand-
ler Wells. They have three children:

Elizabeth Wells
Anne Louise Wells
Jeannie Wells

ELIZABETH WELLS was born Aug. 26, 1914. She married Herbert
Pratt Shepard on Feb. 22, 1936. They have one son, Frederick
Wells Shepard who was born Apr. 30 1937.

ANNE LOUISE WELLS was born Mar. 24, 1916. She married Jos-
eph Francis Weller Jr. on May 30, 1938. They have one daugh-
ter Emily Weller who was born in May 1940.

JEANNIE WELLS was born Aug. 11, 1918.

BARBARA BLEISTEIN was born Apr. 23, 1892. She married Frank-
lin D. L. Stowe on June 25, 1916. They have two daughters:

Barbara Stowe. b. Apr. 19, 1917.
Deborah Stowe. b. May 29, 1919.

WILLIAM WELLS was born in 1894 and died in infancy.

WILLIAM PRATT GREEN was born Dec. 5, 1859. He married Nora ^{she d Feb} Smith Aug. 14, 1889. She was born Aug. 14, 1867. They have ^{1941 at} one son Merritt William Green. Hillsdale, Mich.

MERRITT WILLIAM GREEN was born Apr. 22, 1897. He married Helen Michaels who was born Sept. 2, 1893. They have two sons:
Langdon Page Green b. July 12, 1920.
Merritt William Green Jr. b. Apr. 21, 1923.

ALDRICH WELLS GREEN was born Oct. 29, 1862. He married Henrietta Cruse who died Aug. 6, 1907. He died Mar. 29, 1890. They had one son Aldrich Wells Green Jr.

ALDRICH WELLS GREEN JR. was born June 5, 1890 and was killed in action during the First World War during 1918.

CHARLES EDWARD GREEN was born Aug. 24, 1864. He married Henrietta Cruse Green, his brother, Aldrich Wells Green's widow. They had one daughter Jeannie Green who was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Penfold.

JEANNIE GREEN PENFOLD was born Aug. 18, 1893.. She married William Harvest Harkness on June 26, 1932. Mr. Harkness died in Nov. 1934.

JEANNIE GREEN PENFOLD HARKNESS married John Pinnington (of England) in April 1936.

MARIA WELLS died Oct. 29, 1865. She was married to Henry Lucas July 27, 1853. Henry Lucas died Dec. 23, 1883.

Sons:

Henry Lucas

Daughters:

Emma Lucas

Elizabeth Henrietta Lucas.

EMMA LUCAS was born July 29, 1864 and died Aug. 22, 1932. She married L. Orville Johnson.

ELIZABETH LUCAS was born May 17, 1869 and died Oct. 8, 1936. She married Richard ~~Ellen~~ Starr on Feb. 22, 1883. He was born June 16, 1862 and died Mar. 18, 1930.

Son:

Richard William Starr

Daughters:

Hazel Marie Starr

Emma Louise Starr

HAZEL MARIE STARR was born Jan. 27, 1884.

EMMA LOUISE STARR was born Feb. 15, 1885 and died Jan. 21, 1919. She was married to Benjamin Franklin Hull on Oct. 14, 1916. He died in Oct. 1917. They had one son B. Franklin Hull who was born Nov. 2, 1917.

RICHARD WILLIAM STARR was born Feb. 29, 1896. On Jan 1, 1922 he married Louise Hanemann. They have twin sons:

Richard William Starr Jr. b. Mar. 18, 1925.

Robert Brewster Starr b. Mar. 18, 1925.

HENRY LUCAS died in infancy.

Nothing is known about Joseph Wells and James Wells.

CHANDLER JOSEPH WELLS was born June 10, 1814, in Utica, N. Y. and died Feb. 4, 1887. His mother had gone to Utica from Buffalo to escape the dangers of the War of 1812. On Apr. 20, 1837 he was married to Susan Jane Wheeler. She was born May 21, 1818 and died Oct. 21, 1892. They had two children: Theodore Wells b. July 16, 1838 and died in infancy. Jane Elizabeth Wells b. Sept. 8, 1839 and died Sept. 4, 1854 of cholera.

They adopted two grand-nieces, Jeannie Girard Green and Elizabeth Green, daughters of Lucy Ann and Merritt Woodhouse Green. (Much interesting biographical information can be obtained from histories and periodicals of Buffalo, N. Y. as Chandler J. Wells was one of the mayors of Buffalo and long an outstanding figure in public life in that city.

HARRIET WELLS died Aug. 20, 1836. She married Squire Sherwood Case Mar. 15, 1827. He was born at Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York Sept. 27, 1801 and removed in childhood to Chautauqua County. When about 20 he moved to Buffalo, N. Y. and rented the Farmers' Hotel, three years later buying it and continued as lessee and proprietor for eleven years. He was colonel of the 208th Regiment N. Y. Militia and served under General Scott in the Patriot War. He represented Erie County in the New York Legislature in 1837 and 1842. He moved to Wisconsin in 1842. He died at Mauston, Mar. 30, 1878. They had three children:

- William Case
- Charles Whipple Case
- Betsy Case

BETSY CASE was born Apr. 23, 1831. She married George Price. They had one daughter, Hattie Price who married Mr. McMillan. She died in 1937.

WILLIAM CASE was born Oct. 22, 1832.

CHARLES WHIPPLE CASE was born Oct. 22, 1834. He married Julia Pratt and they had three children:

- George Price Case
- Charles Merritt Case
- Miriam Case

GEORGE PRICE CASE married Elizabeth Calderwood. They have no children.

MIRIAM CASE died in 1887.

CHARLES MERRITT CASE married Helen Janney. They have four children:

Sons:	Daughters:
Benton Janney Case	Mary Elizabeth Case
Charles Merritt Case Jr.	
George Price Case 2nd.	

BENTON JANNEY CASE married Olive Crosby. They have two children:

Olive Case

Benton Janney Case Jr.

CHARLES HERRITT CASE JR. married Margaret Williams. Their children are:

Helen Case

Sara Case

GEORGE PRICE CASE married Heln Beckwith. Their child is:
Barbara Case

MARY ELIZABETH CASE married Leon C. Warner Jr. Their child is:
Julia Warner.

SQUIRE SHERWOOD CASE'S second wife was Sarah Cadby. They had one son Manning H. Case who died in 1933. Manning H. Case's children are:

Sons:

Henry Case

Eugene Case

Daughters:

Louise Case

Lucie Case

Gertrude Case.

Squire Sherwood Case was the brother of Laura Case who married Aldrich Wells, born in 1802 (see above).

LUCY ANN WELLS died young.

MARY JANE WELLS died Aug. 13, 1895 at the age of 79. She lived in Bellevue, Mich. She married David Lucas. They had one daughter Mary Louise Lucas and one son Frank Lucas.

reference
MARY LOUISE LUCAS married C. H. Hoyt. They had one daughter Blanche Marie Hoyt.

BLANCHE MARIE HOYT married William Duclo. They had several children one of whom is married.

MARY JANE LUCAS married Jacob Nickerson whom she divorced and then resumed the name of Lucas.

ELIZABETH WELLS married Charles Hoople.



Joseph Wells son of John Wells and Mary L Saunders
married Prudence Grannis

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The above chart has been compiled and includes all of the names and persons mentioned and described in the foregoing Genealogy.



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